

REMARKS

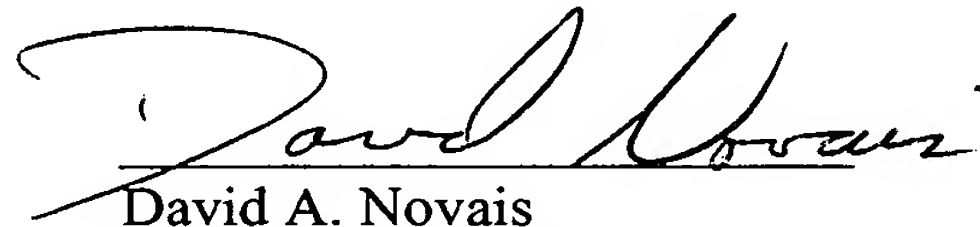
Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-10, 23-30 and 32-36 are pending in the present application. Claim 31 has been canceled by the present amendment. Claim 31 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kocourek et al. '666 alone or in view of Tanaka '523. Claims 7-10, 23-30 and 32-36 were indicated by the Examiner as being allowable over the art of record. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 7-10, 23-30 and 32-36.

In order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the present amendment cancels claim 31, thus leaving allowed claims 7-10, 23-30 and 32-36 pending in the present application.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowability is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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